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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Dear Sir:

1. In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2005 in the above captioned matter, please enter the following response.
2. In the above-captioned Office Action, the Examiner objected under 35 C.F.R. §1.71 to the specification and preliminary amendment faxed to the USPTO on July 13, 2004. These objections are traversed and reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested.
3. The telephonic interviews with the Examiner on February 1, 2005 are appreciated. During the interviews, it was discussed that the Examiner was unable to read the electronic version of the specification and preliminary amendment faxed to the USPTO on July 13, 2004, perhaps due to faxing and/or scanning problems. The Examiner also